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SUBJECT: BLITZ ALLEGES US VISAS CAN BE OBTAINED FOR A PRICE

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1. WE AGREE WITH BOMBAY'S COMMENTS PARAGRAPH 2 REFTEL. NOW THAT WE HAVE SEEN BLITZ ARTICLE OURSELVES WE WOULD HASTEN TO POINT OUT THAT THERE IS NO IMPLICATION THAT USG EMPLOYEES ARE PEDDLING VISAS OR THAT A BRIBE IS NECESSARY TO OBTAIN A VISA TO THE UNITED STATES. ALTHOUGH UNSUCCESSFUL AND FRUSTRATED VISA APPLICANTS OCCASIONALLY ALLEGE AN EMBASSY EMPLOYEE HAS DEMANDED PAYMENT TO ASSURE VISA ISSUED, ALL SUCH CHARGES ARE INVESTIGATED BY REGIONAL SECURITY OFFICER AND NONE, WITHIN RECENT MEMORY, HAS BEEN SUBSTANTIATED.

2. THERE ARE, OF COURSE, IN NEW DELHI AS IN BOMBAY AND ELSE WHERE, PEOPLE WHO WILL SUPPLY FRAUDULENT OR SPURIOUS DOCUMENTATION TO PROSPECTIVE VISA APPLICANTS BUT WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT OUR TRAINED VISA OFFICERS DETECT THE GREAT MAJORITY OF CASES OF APPLICANTS WITH FRAUDULENT DOCUMENTS. NEW DELHI ALSO HAS ITS CONFIDENTE MEN CUM TRAVEL AGENTS WHO GUARANTEE VISAS FOR A PRICE BUT MERELY POCKET THE FEES OF THE VISA APPLICANT WITHOUT EVEN MAKING THE APPLICATION. IN SUM, NO ONE IN INDIA IS SELLING US VISAS ALTHOUGH SOME UNSCRUPULOUS INDIVIDUALS MAY BE MAKING MONEY BY CLAIMING TO DO SO.

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